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SUBJECT: PEPIN ROBARTS COMMISSION HEARINGS IN QUEBEC CITY

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1. THE PEPIN ROBARTS TASK FORCE ON NATIONAL UNITY CONCLUDED TWO DAYS OF HEARINGS IN QUEBEC CITY NOVEMBER 25, THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE COMMISSION IN QUEBEC PROVINCE. ALTHOUGH TASK FORCE HEARINGS WERE LOW KEY AND ATTRACTED ONLY MODERATE PRESS COVERAGE, PUBLIC SESSIONS, HELD IN ASSEMBLY HALL IN WORKING CLASS DISTRICT, WAS WELL ATTENDED WITH TURNOUT OF ABOUT 800.

2. IN ADDITION, TO PUBLIC SESSION, COMMISSION MEMBERS ALSO MET PRIVATELY WITH PROVINCIAL POLITICAL LEADERS, INCLUDING LEVESQUE AND MORIN, GERARD D. LEVESQUE, RODRIQUE BIRON, AND CHIEFS OF QUEBEC'S TWO MINI PARTIES, THE PNP AND THE CREDITISTES. COMMISSION MEMBERS REFRAINED FROM COMMENTING ON THESE MEETINGS, WHICH WERE HELD BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, BEYOND SAYING THAT THE PARTIES' CONSTITUTIONAL POSITIONS WERE DISCUSSED.

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3. NO CONSENSUS EMERGED FROM PUBLIC SESSION, WITH QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE COVERING FULL RANGE OF POLITICAL SPECTRUM. PEPIN HIMSELF COMMENTED SOMEWHAT RUEFULLY THAT ONE HAD TO DISTINGUISH CRITICISM OF PRESENT FEDERAL STRUCTURE FROM DISSATISFACTION WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL. BOSWELL

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